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UNITED NATIONS, OCT. 11, REUTER - SECRETARY-GENERAL
KURT WALDHEIM HAS DECIDED TO BREAK HIS SILENCE ON THE
MIDDLE EAST CRISIS AND CALL FOR AN END TO HOSTILITIES,
USUALLY RELIABLE SOURCES SAID TODAY.

THEY SAID HE WOULD ISSUE THE APPEAL IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL
OF THAT BODY REFUSED DEBATE ON THE SITUATION TODAY. IF NOT,
IT WOULD BE A WRITTEN STATEMENT.

ACCORDING TO THE SOURCES, MR. WALDHEIM IS ALARMED BY THE
POSSIBILITY THAT THE CONFLICT MIGHT BE BROADENED BY THE
INVOLVEMENT OF OTHER STATES WHICH SO FAR HAVE KEPT OUT OF IT,
WITH UNFORESEEABLE CONSEQUENCES FOR WORLD PEACE.
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THE FORM THE SECRETARY-GENERALS STATEMENT WOULD TAKE
WAS BEING WORKED OUT THIS MORNING WITH HIS ADVISERS.

OBSERVERS DOUBTED THAT HE WOULD ISSE A FLAT APPEAL
FOR A CASE-FIRE, BUT THOUGHT HE WOULD RATHER CAUTION
THE COMPATANTS OF THE RISKS ENTAILED IN A CONTINUATION
OF THE HOSTILITIES.

THERE HAS BEEN SOME PRIVATE CRITICISM OF HIS FAILURE
TO MAKE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE FIGHTING,
BUT INFORMED SOURCES ATTRIBUTED HIS SILENCE TO THE
BELIEF THAT A LARGE MAJORITY OF THE U.N. MEMBERSHIP CONSIDERS
EGYPT AND SYRIA AS HAVING BEEN WITHIN THEIR RIGHTS TO STRIKE
AT THE OCCUPYING ISRAELI FORCES.

THE NEW YORK TIMES IN AN EDITORIAL YESTERDAY STRONGLY
CRITICISED THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND THE U.N. AS A WHOLE
FOR ITS FAILURE TO ACT IN THE EMERGENCY.
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